

processing circuitry to permit data from said digital recording device to be transferred to a large capacity digital storage device comprising the steps of:

coupling a digital memory module having data stored therein to a digital recording device port of said repository device;

receiving a command for performing an operation with said digital recording device; and

initiating a data transfer of data between said digital recording device and large capacity digital storage.

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50. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein said digital recording device is a memory module, and further including the step of transferring the contents of said memory module by said host device.

51. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein the step of receiving a command includes the step of reading the command from a file on said recording device.

54. (Amended) A method according to claim 49 further including the steps of detecting that a recording device has been coupled to the repository device and powering up the device in response to detecting that a recording device has been inserted.

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55. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein said repository device is coupled to a host device via an external bus and further including the steps of detecting activity on said external bus and powering up the device in response to external bus activity.

56. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein said step of initiating a data transfer includes the step of connecting said device to an external large capacity digital storage device, and transferring digital data from said recording device to said external large capacity digital storage device.

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57. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, further including the steps of receiving uncompressed digital data from said recording device and transferring compressed data to said large capacity digital storage device.

59. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein said recording device is a digital camera.

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60. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein said recording device is a camcorder.

62. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, further including the step of reformatting a digital memory module inserted into a memory port to place said digital memory module into a state where it can be reused.

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63. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, further including the step of transferring picture image data from said recording device to a user's computer.

64. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, further including the step of initiating predetermined operations relating to said recording device using at least one control key of said device.

66. (Amended) A method according to claim 65, wherein said step of generating a display includes the step of displaying data indicative of at least part of the contents of a digital memory.

67. (Amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein said device includes a further memory port in said housing sized to receive a further storage module, and further including the step of selectively transferring the contents of said digital memory module and said further storage module to said large capacity storage device.

68. (Amended) A method according to claim 49, further including the step of using an IEEE 1394 port to receive digital information from said recording device.

--72. (New) A portable digital data transfer and repository device for use with a digital recording device and a large capacity digital storage device comprising:

a housing of a size to be held in a user's hand and including a digital recording device port;

data transfer circuitry for reading data stored in said digital recording device and for transferring said data to said large capacity digital storage device;

a digital processor coupled to said data transfer circuitry for controlling said transfer of data; and

a power source to provide power to at least the digital processor and data transfer circuitry.--

--73. (New) A device in accordance with claim 72, further including a port for connection to an external large capacity digital storage device, said port being operatively

coupled to said data transfer circuitry for receiving digital data from said digital recording device.--

--74. (New) A device in accordance with claim 72, further including an internal large capacity digital storage device operatively coupled to said data transfer circuitry for receiving digital data from said digital recording device.--

--75. (New) A device according to claim 72, further including at least one memory port sized to receive a digital memory module.--

--76. (New) A device according to claim 72, further including a port for coupling to a digital computer.--

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--77. (New) A device according to claim 72, wherein said recording device is a digital camera.--

--78. (New) A device according to claim 72, wherein said recording device is a camcorder.--

--79. (New) A device according to claim 72, wherein said recording device is a personal digital assistant.--

--80. (New) A device according to claim 72, further including data compression circuitry coupled to said processor and operatively coupled to receive uncompressed digital data and for outputting compressed data.--

--81. (New) A device according to claim 72, wherein said recording device is a device for generating uncompressed data and further including data compression circuitry coupled to said host device and said processor and operatively coupled to receive said uncompressed digital data and for outputting compressed data.--

--82. (New) A device according to claim 81, wherein said recording device is a camcorder.--

--83. (New) A device according to claim 75, wherein said processor includes processing circuitry for reformatting a digital memory module inserted into said memory port to place said digital memory module into a state where it can be reused.--

--84. (New) A device in accordance with claim 72, further including :
an output port operatively coupled to said large capacity digital storage device for transferring picture image data to a user's computer.--

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--85. (New) A device in accordance with claim 72, further including:
at least one control key for initiating predetermined operations relating to said recording device.--

--86. (New) A device in accordance with claim 85, wherein said at least one control key is part of a keyboard and wherein said data transfer circuitry is responsive to user initiation of at least one key to control the transfer of data from said recording device to said large capacity digital storage device.--

--87. (New) A device in accordance with claim 72, further including:
a display for display a message.--

--88. (New) A device in accordance with claim 72, further including:
a display for displaying data indicative of at least part of the contents of said digital recording device.--

--89. (New) A device in accordance with claim 75, further including: